

parents newsletter



15th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a year 2021 was. We were able to rekindle some familiar experiences and staff, children and families have supported special moments that will be remembered for years. All our children have had the opportunity to perform to their families and go on a coach trip this term. There were times when we wouldn't have thought this possible.

Team Brooklands were thrilled to be recognised for its exceptional practice once again, this time achieving the Learning Outside the Classroom Award (Silver) and the Primary Geography Quality (Silver) in 2021. However, never one to rest on past success, in 2022 our sights are set on adding the Primary Science Quality Mark and Careers Mark in recognition of our curriculum excellence.

2021 also witnessed record high numbers of families making Brooklands their school of choice and for the first time we introduced 2 Early Years classes in September. There has been continued rejuvenation of Brooklands with the installation of a new group room, upgraded kitchen and an additional classroom. Next year is already shaping up to be action packed including the building of a new teaching block, which will include three new classrooms, a studio, toilets, storage and a small group room.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and sending my best wishes for 2022.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Huge Investment

Alastair McCraw, Brantham's Independent councillor has said how he welcomes the £1.9 million project to increase capacity at Brooklands beginning in January 2022. "...this as an inevitable requirement given development in Brantham over the last few years."

Applause For Mike Waddell

Congratulations to Mike Waddell who has recently achieved the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination.

Watching Them, Watching Us!

Pets often have a fond place in our memories, they teach children the values of responsibility, showing affection and respecting boundaries. As our next generation of pet owners, it's important that our children recognise the benefits and receive pet education in order to understand how best to behave around them. We have recently welcomed 3 guinea pigs to Early Years and are having great fun getting to know them.

More Clubs Available

We listened to your feedback and have extended our club offer. Look out for details coming soon. We will also be conducting an audit of your children's activities outside of school to highlight further potential areas for development.

50 Things Revisited

Several years ago we created the immensely successful, '50 things to do before you leave Brooklands' list. Created in consultation with our children and families, items on the list range from toasting a marshmallow on a camp fire to climbing trees, going to a museum to visiting an art gallery. Following lockdowns, we've keen to refresh this list and extend the opportunities our children experience.

To help us we will soon be sending out a survey to capture your ideas and very much look forward to some new ideas for the list.

Time Is Running Out!

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 you must apply for place. Applications close on January 15th. Places will be offered April 16th.

Quality And Engaging Curriculum

Brooklands will be hosting a Curriculum information session for parents on January 12th 6.00pm. We will be sharing the range of subjects available to your children as well as what they will learn during their time with us.

Red Card Workshops Are Coming Soon

Show Racism the Red Card will be delivering anti-racism workshops to our Year 5 and Year 6 children early in the new year.